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MEDIA ALERT

**Tonya Council Re-Opens Sweet Tea & Cornbread Grill and Eatery
at North Carolina Museum of History**



WHAT: [Sweet Tea & Cornbread Grill and Eatery](#) re-opens its doors to the public.

WHEN: Saturday, June 26th, 2021
Hours: 11 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

WHERE: North Carolina Museum of History
5 E. Edenton Street, Raleigh, NC 27601

DETAILS: After more than a year away due to COVID-19 restrictions, the [Sweet Tea & Cornbread Grill and Eatery](#), located inside the North Carolina Museum of History, welcomes guests back.

To celebrate, visitors to the café on Saturday can enter for a chance to win a [Brunch Box for Two](#), which includes: chicken cutlets, spinach and cheese mini quiches, buttermilk biscuits, homemade preserves, sausage patties and candied bacon. *(For pick up only).*

INTERVIEWS: [Tonya Council](#), granddaughter of Mildred Council, or “Mama Dip,” is the owner of the restaurant, which offers classic southern staples with daily specials. A baker, chef and entrepreneur, she also is the founder of Tonya’s Cookies, Sweet Tea & Cornbread, a retail shop in the Crabtree Valley Mall, and [NC Made](#), an online destination for artisanal gourmet

food and gifts. Tonya has been featured in Southern Living, [The Washington Post](#), News & Observer, Thrillist and more.

The full menu Sweet Tea & Cornbread menu can be found [here](#).

For images of Tonya Council and Sweet Tea & Cornbread's logo, follow this [Dropbox link](#).

For information about the NC Museum of History, a Smithsonian Affiliate museum, call 919-814-7000 or access ncmuseumofhistory.org or follow the museum on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#), or [YouTube](#).

About the NC Museum of History

The North Carolina Museum of History, a Smithsonian Affiliate, fosters a passion for North Carolina history. This museum collects and preserves artifacts of state history and educates the public on the history of the state and the nation through exhibits and educational programs. **Admission is free.** Pre-COVID 2019, more than 465,000 people visited the museum to see some of the 150,000 artifacts in the museum collection. The Museum of History, within the Division of State History Museums, is part of the NC Department of Natural and Cultural Resources.

About the Smithsonian Affiliations Network

Since 2006, the North Carolina Museum of History has been a Smithsonian Affiliate, part of a select group of museums, cultural, educational, and arts organizations that share Smithsonian resources with the nation. The Smithsonian Affiliations network is a national outreach program that develops long-term collaborative partnerships with museums, educational, and cultural organizations to enrich communities with Smithsonian resources. More information is available at affiliations.si.edu.

About the NC Department of Natural and Cultural Resources

The North Carolina Department of Natural and Cultural Resources (NCDNCR) is the state agency with a vision to be the leader in using the state's natural and cultural resources to build the social, cultural, educational, and economic future of North Carolina. NCDNCR's mission is to improve the quality of life in our state by creating opportunities to experience excellence in the arts, history, libraries, and natural assets in North Carolina by stimulating learning, inspiring creativity, preserving the state's history, conserving the state's natural heritage, encouraging recreation and cultural tourism, and promoting economic development.

NCDNCR includes 27 historic sites, seven history museums, two art museums, two science museums, three aquariums, and Jennette's Pier, as well as 39 state parks and recreation areas, the North Carolina Zoo, the nation's first state-supported symphonic orchestra, the State Library of North Carolina, the State Archives of North Carolina, the North Carolina Arts Council, the North Carolina State Historic Preservation Office, and the North Carolina Office of State Archaeology, along with the state Division of Land and Water Stewardship. For more information, call 919-814-6800 or visit DNCR.nc.gov.